



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

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Utilizing Reiterative
Oligonucleotide Synthesis**

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**Amendment and Reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
(Which Accompanies an RCE Under C.F.R. § 1.114)**

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to Final Office Action dated March 22, 2007, Applicant submits herewith the following Amendment and Reply. This Amendment is provided in the following format:

- (A) Each section begins on a separate sheet;
- (B) Starting on a separate sheet, amendments to the specification by presenting replacement paragraphs marked up to show changes made;
- (C) Starting on a separate sheet, a complete listing of all of the claims:
 - in ascending order;
 - with status identifiers; and
 - with markings in the currently amended claims;
- (D) Starting on a separate sheet, the Remarks

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent

abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is being filed concurrently herewith. Accordingly, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(d), the finality of the March 22, 2007 Office Action should be withdrawn, and the present Response entered and considered.